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## **ALLARD SUPPORTS ACADEMY CHANGES AIR FORCE DIRECTIVES TO BE REVIEWED BY SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, expressed his support for today's Air Force announcement on the service's new directives addressing the climate at the United States Air Force Academy. The directives were issued based on the preliminary conclusions of a two-month Air Force investigation into allegations of sexual assault and rape at the Academy.

"These directives are the first step toward addressing the climate of fear at the Academy," said Allard. "The directives indicate to me that the Air Force is serious about this issue and is willing to take drastic measures to ensure the safety of cadets."

Senator Allard requested a public Senate Armed Services Committee hearing to review the Air Force directives following a March 24, closed-door briefing with Air Force Secretary James Roche and General John Jumper.

"The Air Force has been internally investigating this matter for over two months, and it's time for the Senate Armed Service Committee to review preliminary results and proposed recommendations," said Allard. "A Congressional review will help us determine whether these measures are sufficient to fix the cultural problems at the Academy."

In a letter last January, Senator Allard first asked Secretary Roche to conduct a complete and thorough Air Force investigation after being contacted by a number of former and current cadets who allegedly were sexually assaulted or raped. The total number of former and current cadets that have contacted Senator Allard is now 41.

"Each new case brings up more issues that must be addressed," said Allard. "I plan to spend a great deal of time reviewing the Air Force's directives and ensuring that future proposals are designed to better protect cadets from sexual assault and rape."

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